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The Conqueror shall not at all be punished by the second death. He who has an ear to hear, let him hear.

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THE DOCTRINE OF THE HEART

PLUNGE into the depths of your own being and you will find a flaming heart burning with Love and Desire. The fires are fierce and devouring. Love devours all who worship at her shrine whilst Desire akin to Love consumes all who enter her portals. Behind Desire and Love stands Will, the power to do or die. Hence I say learn well the Doctrine of the Heart for out of it arise the issues of Life. Am I rich, am I poor, am I glad, am I miserable, am I strong, am I weak, am I sinful, am I righteous, all these qualities arise out of the desires of the heart and constitute our very Being Not that free will is abrogated by a spontaneous eruption of the heart but the Heart itself determines what Man he is aside of his personal likes and dislikes. The Great Wall or fence around Man—like and dislike—can be transcended by the elimination of the personal self thereby arising into the confines of the Divine Life where the impersonal outweighs the personal view of life and here I might say is the crux of the whole matter.

Most men operate from a plane of personal desire or the realm of the sensuous, few if any operate direct from the Divine Source or culmination of Eternal Goodness. Were the latter the case we would all in our Eternal Oneness bring forward the Divine manifestation of GOD here on Earth which even now is not at all impossible were we to curb our animal desires and live more in the confines of our eternal Self. Hence I say the realization of AT ONE-MENT with GOD is not at all an impossibility here on Earth. The reign of Immortality not confined to a post mortem state but a state of full conscious Being manifest in MAN the exact image of GOD according to Holy Scripture.

Oh, Son of Man, stand on thy feet and I shall speak to thee. Oh, Son of GOD, be thyself and not some other self, some image of thought hypnotized to make you act and think along the lines laid down by others outside yourself. I repeat, the time of Great Tribulation is close at hand, the Father in Heaven about to take possession of His earthly bodies and in direct articulation with the Divine within will throw off all false ideas, conceptions of Life and Creation presented by the Clergy and occupy these Holy Temples Himself ready according to the promise of old to inhabit the Earth once more and the Millennium of the Ages transcend Hellish Earth conditions.

Why all this confusion, gloom, struggle, suffering, want, poverty and despair? The eternal longing after the Divine Will of GOD which like a lost lover suffers the pangs of Hell before the Ideal is recognized within and the Prodigal returns again to the Father's House. Oh the glad tidings of peace and joy in contemplation of the World finding the Christ Within their own Hearts, the only true Source of Protection and Divination.

This is truly the Doctrine of the Heart; open, ye portals, for I (the Christ) have come to a grief-stricken, poverty-reigning World to redeem, to save you from the Love and Desire of Possession. "Give up all thou hast and follow Me (the Christ Within) even to Life itself for if ye love Father or Mother better than Me, ye are not worthy of Me."

I come to those who sacrifice alone. I enter those hearts who are bled white through suffering. I inhabit those Souls who Love Me alone above all others, Me, the Divine Life in the Soul of Man come to Birth in the individual.

BE YE PERFECT

THINK no evil thoughts, do no evil deeds, BE PERFECT. Impossible, I hear you say. Nay, nothing is impossible here on Earth. Oh the Realization, the Joy of being liberated from the gross, dense, inner psychic body which demands inharmony, sensation, wrath, lies, injustice, pain and rancor to perfect harmony, peace in thought, deed and action. That state descended upon me this morning awaking in a transcendental dream. PERFECT, PERFECT in my own GOD MANHOOD, no more to be troubled by the dog in the manger, my animal body self which enjoys always keeping me in Hell and separate from my fellowman.

Do Unto Others As If They Were You

Act in harmony with that Unity of Consciousness that perfects the whole body of Humanity into ONE MAN. Be PERFECT, be PERFECT, be PERFECT even as your Higher Self within is PERFECT. Be ye the reflection of the Divinity within. Act from within and not from without. Be the reverberation of the

GOD HEAD. PERFECT, PERFECT, PERFECT and at perfect peace with the Whole World— a Liberated MAN, a Man who has gained Salvation whilst in an Earth Body.

This has taken me just 25 years to acquire after I first heard of it in Theosophy. No astral visions, no clairvoyance, no Masters of Wisdom, no outside teachers, no Great White Lodge, no pay, only devotion to the inner Self, the Christ in Humanity and the price of Sacrifice of the material for the Spiritual without the thought of wherefore turned the whole trend of my Life into the Divine Synchosis.

Oh, to be God, to become GOD, to realize GOD in the body. Absurd! I hear the voice of the orthodox crowd. You have been fed on lies so long, children, the Truth now is too bright for your eyes. Come out. Come out. Come out of the Churches and find the Spirit of GOD ALMIGHTY within your own selves, within your own hearts; there alone awaits throbbing to become at one so that you might enjoy Peace on Earth, the Kingdom of His Paradise and the lovely participation in the Father's House whose promise that where I am on Earth ye may be also when I come.

I have always known that the inability of People to think for themselves was of a deeper hidden origin than that which emanated from their own free perfect Wills. In other words they are acted upon from without by animal vibration thrown over them by the Priesthood of the World to keep them in perfect inharmony, at war with each other and helpless so far as the God consciousness within is concerned. But now since I have broken the seals, torn away the veils which hide the GOD within Man I shall do away with these magic vampires forevermore here on Earth. I shall bring Peace and Happiness

to a downtrodden World, downtrodden because of the Clergy alone who wish to Save Souls after trying to destroy them. I AM AT PEACE, I AM AT PEACE, OH GOD, I AM AT PEACE, and the very state of my perfection un-mans the Whole Church Edifice of the World for where there are two Salvations presented Mankind at the same time one of them must perish; and since I have the protection of the GOD HEAD to destroy all pretenders to His Kingdom I shall give People the Peace, Happiness and Perfection they have aspired for in their Hearts for ages.

LIBERATED, SAVED AT LAST FROM THE DEVIL WHOM WE THOUGHT WERE GOD'S ANOINTED!

OUT OF THE GREAT TRIAL OF HYPNOTIC GLAMOUR

I HAVE a dear Mother who though mature in years is still an infant in Spiritual matters and spiritual culture. She has belonged to the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church since infancy, repeats her catechism Sunday after Sunday and day after day, "and the third day he arose and ascended into Heaven and now sitteth at the right hand of GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, etc.," and really believes every word! I often wonder how many earth lives it will ever take her to get out from under the hypnotic influence of Mr. Digel (her revered pastor) who stands at every grave and sick bed of his parishioners and escorts them into the Right Hand Presence of the Father free of charge with only the side fee of the cost of their own Souls. He certainly can give more value for the money expended than any other man this side of Hell.

Now it doesn't require the working out of one's Salvation to gain Liberation and Freedom from Earth plane bondage with this gent, oh no, just pay your Church dues, believe in the Doctrine of the Atonement that Jesus died to set your sins on the credit side of the ledger and you're in pink with this professor of hypnotic glamour.

I sometimes smile at the credulity of these folks who regard this minister a sort of hoodoo witch doctor with his grave looks and austere manners who though not over active in intellect seems to have them all by the ears when he reads from his Bible at every grave and consigns them to earth, hell or heaven, he knows not what when he says "dust to dust and ashes to ashes," and to hell with your Soul for I have as much real idea of where you are, or where you are going as a grasshopper has of astronomy!

Oh, the sheer nonsense preached by this old professor of bunk, theological logic, and a Judgment Day when all these white robed individuals with palms in their hands will rise from the dead to be seated at the right hand of GOD, the Father Almighty. "I believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the life everlasting. Amen." Oh no, they don't, they only repeat this parrot fashion to satisfy Digel and their own fear, longing, and timidity in order that they might better come under the reign of the Church organization who live together and for each other, die together and for each other, and ascend together and for each other, that they might better give Jesus the credit for having saved them through the instrumentality of their beloved Church and Preacher.

Sometimes I think Mother knows better in her own heart but it is too much trouble to throw off this old

witch doctor, tell him his wares are obsolete and seek communion with her own Soul. But that, bear you in mind, would never do for Digel and his Church Doctrins says only Saints have communion with GOD and of course these Saints, canonized by the Church the same as Roman Catholics, must be recognized by the Church for none other without label can have such an intimate intercourse with the Great and Almighty Church Father!

Oh, I say chestnuts to the whole Church business and if there is any GOD, which I much doubt, that is from the Orthodox angle, for Gods are made of iron, fire and immortal life and not of stale old orthodox cheese, he must have disowned this bunch of gift gatherers long ago. No need of working out of one's salvation according to this Digel doctrine. Oh no, just come along, boys, and I shall bury you from the cradle to the grave and after I get through with you let any GOD living or Dead try to resurrect you to your common sense and he'll have a harder job than I have to see my own precious Mother come out from under the opium and believe Digel and his crowd have kept her to her grave for centuries all because she will not think for herself and throw the whole theological deception overboard and tell Mr. Digel that he had better save himself for the deception he has played on others, living off the fat of the land, doing no work other than deceiving the masses and closing a life whose whole records are now in the red! Fire and Brimstone to boot of his own making. Amen. For he's the King Pin of the whole rotten, vile, low orthodox scheme of keeping souls bound down to the wheel of birth and death and never permits them to rise above earth plane manifestation in communion with their GOD

ONENESS and in union with their own Higher Self. If Mr. Digel knew anything he ought to know this child's game he is playing won't last much longer, even my Mother knows that much.

THE GREAT RE-CONSTRUCTION

PERIOD is close at hand! The Churches of America and of the whole World will go down to utter ruin and extermination. The psychology of orthodoxy has had its day, its grip on the mass mind is slowly but surely losing its hypnotic power of glamour. People are coming out of the Churches in greater numbers than ever before. The fear of a Heaven and a Hell, both poles of the same Theological deception, ceases any more to corral the masses. If it's Heaven the People think they are entitled to it here and now along with the lazy hound Preachers. If it's Hell, well the Preachers will get the first dose after the physical incarnation is over for they have played the masses so long in childish pabulum that they have grown immune to any more Theological thrusts to un-man them and make them cringing sycophants and cowardly church mice. Ah, but what will become of all these vast billions now owned by the Church Organizations? The whole business will be confiscated by the State for back taxes unpaid and as a residuary fund to feed the starving masses who thought Jesus died to save them while all the time the People have been dying to save the Preachers from going to work. I have a prediction to make—when the People get their eyes opened this time Brotherly Love will supplant Church Worship. Brotherhood in action, religion in service and Sacrifice will be the main elements of the NEW ORDER with Ecclesiasticism left

out of the whole business. Men know and feel today that the Church has had its day—they run from Ghandi to Hell to save their necks. A decaying and fast dying institution like a drowning man will cling to the last straw to keep life in its body. But I reaffirm and reiterate the Churches are now about to be abolished here in these United States by the strength of public sentiment as they are economically unsound and spiritually bankrupt.

Notice if you will how hide-bound Protestants hold on to what the Preacher says and what the Doctrine of the Church dictates: "The third day he rose from the dead, He ascended into Heaven where now He sits at the right hand of the Father, Almighty Ruler of Heaven and Hell from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead." He now comes to judge the Church here on Earth!

I know you think I am awful in assailing God's houses of worship and His Shepherds who rule and guide the sheepfold. But here let me tell you the time cometh when ye shall worship neither here nor in Jerusalem but in Spirit and in Truth. The time is now here for all the Churches to close their doors and for the Preachers to find a job digging ditches or selling ribbon in a five and ten cent store. The time has arrived to abolish so-called Religion with their billions of the money procured under false pretenses of delivering a suffering Humanity to the Pearly Gates of Heaven. They have failed, utterly, miserably failed to produce the goods. They all hide behind Death and the Grave. But here let me tell you, I should rather die and my Soul go to Hell through priestly condemnation than to occupy the cells the Preachers will have to occupy after Death for deceiving a credulous Humanity.

The whole of the Bible is nothing more than theological fiction. They have lied outright by placing errors alongside of Truth and forced the People to accept the true words of the Christ along with the theological myths that Jesus died to save us all. According to the pure teaching of the Christ, self-reliance and individual responsibility were his main tenets of a life to be lived here on Earth to gain the mark of the Immortal King and not a weak subservience to priest and preacher who are supposed to be the intermediates between GOD and MAN. What a lie, what a fake, what a cheating gambling game this assinine Doctrine of the Atonement! Not AT ONE-MENT WITH GOD, the Higher Self in MAN, but atone-ment with a lot of soft, lazy, theological-minded rascals who would rather lie, cheat and steal than go to work and earn an honest livelihood! Bunk, Bunk, all sheer Bunk and the sooner we leave these cowardly bastards to their own Satanic devices and burn alone in HELL of their own making the sooner we as GOD MEN AND WOMEN come into our Eternal Inheritance here on Earth where Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done, here on Earth as it is in Heaven.

THE GREAT RE-CONSTRUCTION PERIOD has now been given to the Editor of DIVINE LIFE to pilot through the treacherous shoals and reefs of theological deception and ministerial chicanery. No man now feels that he needs a Preacher at his funeral to guide his Soul across the River Styx for the simple reason that when the GREAT JUDGMENT takes place within the Soul of MAN his divorcement from Preacher and Church and his own Sound Pure Judgment is required to land him high and dry on Eternal Soil, the first question to be asked "how much decep-

tion did you accept from others about a place that simply does not exist. I mean the Heaven and Hell business devised by the lying, false hypocritical Preachers?" "None whatever. I have lived and thought for myself." And the Judgment, "ENTER INTO THE ADYTUM OF THE MOST HIGH." You are now a perfected MAN throughout the aeons. The spawn of priestly minds have again mulcted their way to more Hell on Earth until they learn that by Churches and Preachers alone are their Souls held in the bondage of Hell's Fires and by standing on one's own feet is a MAN indeed saved from the satanic motives of the Theological Structure which Structure today is tottering to its Last Grand Fall and the Light of Eternal Day shall shine forth on all Mankind for the shadows of the Deep no more shall confuse them as to what is right and what is wrong. The priestly areopagites are dead, their Souls enjoined to the hot fires of their own conception.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

REMOVE THE VIRGIN BIRTH of Jesus from the Bible and make him a fellow human on a par with other humans and you have solved the myth of Vicarious Atonement for with a GOD-MAN born into the World with a human father and mother we then all have an opportunity of being saved not through any man-made doctrine of a mother-miracle of giving birth through the intervention of the Holy Ghost who must have impregnated Mary when Joseph was not busy but through the evolutionary process of human incarnation rising from the growth of the intellect into the spiritual man made perfect through the becoming attributes of Sacrifice

wherein the personal gives way to the Impersonal, the material yielding to the bloom of the Spiritual, giving rise to a Christ born within the brain, a New Birth Immaculate and Glorified in the Heaven and here on Earth.

The Virgin Birth appertained to this one thing. Being born, a new birth from "above" and not from below. Jesus attained this new-birth through living the life in contact with men, a perfect example of what every man might become, were he to lay down his material life for the spiritual ascent here and now and not as is erroneously taught by the Church Fathers who changed the Words of Christ to make them conform to the Doctrine of the Atonement that Jesus died to save us all. Jesus died unto himself to save himself, for if he had died to save us all we would not be today suffering the pangs of Hell known as human embodiment.

Herein lies the secret of so much confusion in orthodox circles regarding the Virgin Birth of Jesus. Jesus is the *personality,* the Christ is a *principle* and not a body. The Christ within every man is the Light which bringeth every man into the World and not Jesus, for by that Light we become conscious of being Saviours and Redeemers of the Race. I wish all the lying clergy would teach the Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth regarding the Immaculate Conception. It is spiritual and not material as taught by the Churches. Oh, say you, Jesus could not be Divine with a human father and mother. If that is the case then we none of us ever have the ghost of a chance of attaining the Heavenly Kingdom. If we too are not as pure and sanctified as our Lord and Master the Christ Within then we may never expect to become GOD

MEN and WOMEN, the apotheosis of human incarnation. Only the ignorant and dormant souls believe that Jesus came through the bastard route to Earth. Only fools deride the common sense view of Mary giving birth to Jesus after Joseph had impregnated Mary the same as every Mother of Man is impregnated before conception. Absurd, ridiculous, preposterous, I hear you say. If he had a human father then I lose all respect for his Divinity. Did you ever stop to think that if Mary was a Virgin simply because she gave birth to Jesus without a Father that Mary's Mother must have been a Virgin also? And this we know is not the case. For the Preachers and the Bible itself do not object to Mary's Mother having a human Father. Then why, pray tell, and how, pray tell, can a Virgin be born with a human father simply because the Holy Ghost had the pleasure, or may I say the audacity, to take the place of Joseph and make even Joseph believe that she (his wife Mary) had been impregnated by the Holy Ghost? If the Holy Ghost did not make Mary then I wish to know by what course of logic can an invisible impregnator make a Virgin out of one who according to the Preachers and the Bible itself was the result of human fecundation? Oh, consistency, thou art a jewel! Yet these lying hypocritical preachers would lead us to believe that Mary's bastard was Divine because he was born unlike his Mother. Came into the World to save Humanity because he came the unnatural route conceived by the Holy Ghost after his Mother Mary was conceived by Mary's Mother who had a husband the same as every woman who is respectable and wishes her son to have a legitimate head called a Father or laughed to scorn by those who do not believe in or tolerate such divine action on the part

of the Holy Ghost if found with a Son without marriage.

This whole business, the Virgin Birth and the Doctrine of the Atonement now having fallen to Earth in pieces, gives place to the Real Teaching as taught by Christ himself. "I and my Father are one. I have become at one with the Higher Self but my Father doeth the works, not I; the I being personal, the Father, the Light from Within Impersonal. The whole of the Christ teaching pertains to the spiritual realm of being. He was addressing the elect when he spoke of not throwing your pearls before swine, those who had not attained the Christ Spirit within.

MAN, now an evolved being, begins to stand out as a separate entity as never before, a GOD MAN glorified by the SPIRIT from within and no more a weak follower of the Great Orthodox Father in Heaven. The Churches are now to lose all their hypnotic power over the Souls of Men and I, Harry E. Richeimer, am given the work of smashing the false Christ doctrine as enunciated by the Clergy to make way for the NEW DOCTRINE OF THE CHRIST WITHIN THE SOUL OF EVERY MAN redeemed and already sanctified ready to receive him into the Father's House when he has himself demolished the False Gods of the Churches and sees himself a VIRGIN SON born from within into His Kingdom here on Earth as in Heaven.

ELISE : LIFE IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

THE CELESTIAL SYSTEM, or HIGHER EVOLUTION

By

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I.

SPIRIT-BIRTH

"Behold old things have passed away,
and all things have become new."

AT THE very beginning of the story of my New Life in the Spiritual World, I need to use an expression,—spirit-birth,—upon which I believe the two schools, the Old and the New, would join issue. Spiritists shrink from using the word death, they use the word spirit-birth, which may or may not mean entrance into a future state, as another name for death: for instance, in speaking of the death of a certain individual, they would say, "Born into spirit-life December 8th at 7:45 a. m." I think the New School are correct in using the word death. That is the name of the process, and might as well be used as another; and that leaves the word spirit-birth to be used as a synonym for resurrection or entrance into the spiritual world here and now as well as hereafter.

In conceiving of the spiritual world we are too much inclined to identify it with a future life. It is there, and it is also here. The spiritual realm with which I am conversant, in which my *new life* began, and in which it lives, moves, and is nourished and unfolded is here.

If you follow me I shall not lead you into a future world that I know nothing about, into a far-away locality, but into the unseen realm that is nearer to each of us than we are to ourselves, into that condition and society whose romance and poetry is not yet written, but which awaits to be made as enviable and renowned in story as any and not less real for being as yet unapprehended.

The fact that I am here and inclined to write certainly shows one that the soul had need of an organ here to bring the data of spiritual life into manifestation.

Spirit-birth has quite a different meaning, from that given to it by Spiritists and is not conditioned upon the separation of the physical expression and the spirit-organism by death, but takes place while the individual is in a state of normal health.

Spirit-birth is a natural process, like death, and like death is an unconscious one, and being natural, goes on of its own accord without help or hindrance of the person.

The moment of actual spirit-birth is an absolute blank to me. I know nothing about it. When I came into a knowledge of spirit-consciousness, here, in my physical body, I felt that a radical change had taken place—that I was a new creature—however, I knew that the change was in spirit, and not in outward expression.

But the change was so great that I did not seem like the same person, except in one particular, I knew that I was I, and that I knew myself and what I was about, it was the same kind of consciousness, only greatly intensified.

I remember that so great was the change that when

I met my intimate friends I looked to see if they would notice it. I know that if as great a change had taken place in my physical expression, as I was conscious had taken place in my spirit-organism, my most intimate friends and those of my own household would not have recognized me.

It seemed like a double consciousness or dual self. My new self or ego was dominant when I was alone, but when anyone called my new ego would seem to step behind my old self and remain hidden until I was alone.

I often smiled at this game of "hide and seek" between the two egos, so real to me, yet so invisible to the physical senses of my companions. I often thought of the expression of Jesus, "One shall be taken, and the other left."—One shall enter into the spiritual realm, while others of the same household remain in the physical realm, and each be conversant with the other, no visible change having taken place.

I was conscious that I had come into a new existence, that I was no longer the person they took me to be, but I knew it was not in my power to undeceive them, because they had no data by which they could be convinced through their physical senses.

Had I endeavored to undeceive them, and pointed out the change, they would not have attributed it to the right cause, and then they would have observed me and all my actions more closely, and I should have felt uncomfortable; so I deemed it best, on the side of prudence, to continue the consciousness of my dual existence unmolested. My physical self or expression was for the world and its environment in which it lived. My spirit-self or divine ego was hidden and lived in the unseen environment of the spiritual realm; *lived*

and grew, and unfolded, after its own spiritual law, as naturally as an infant grows and unfolds its physical and accompanying intellectual powers.

The *law is identical,* call it natural law in the spiritual world, or spiritual law in the natural world; we are enfolded by spiritual laws which execute themselves. It is a part of the higher evolution which essays to bring the supreme principles of spiritual life into general recognition. If the divine or Christ-principle had not first been involved into the human being, it could not be evolved into the Christ or divine ego.

I said that the law is identical, the difference is in the substance which the spirit-organism assimilates and whereby it grows. It requires daily food, that food is presented in the form of new truth, and when assimilated it becomes new ideas. As the new truths are assimilated the old are eliminated as naturally as the old worn-out blood in the human economy is displaced by the newly vitalized blood. In the spiritual economy there is no clashing and breaking of idols. There is no struggle or conscious effort on the part of the spirit-organism to retain the old, but rather an eagerness to grasp the new.

When the divine ego came to birth and gradual unfoldment, it gradually led to the abandonment of the outward senses for those of the spirit. I seemed to have added senses, or newly developed senses, senses of perception and conception, more intense senses of will, of estimate, of deduction, of conclusion, all of them fingers of the divine ego, able to grasp ideas as you grasp objects with your hands. They seemed to be active and conscious elements of the new ego, moving with the same ease with which our sense of sight moves and carrying the same conviction to our reason.

We do not doubt the evidence of our senses, do we? Neither do we doubt the evidence of these new senses, which assure us with equal precision of the stability of our conclusions. Our reason consists of the constant exertion of all the elements of logic. On the rational plane they are mere germs, and have to be developed slowly by constant comparison; but on the spiritual plane they become absolute. The spirit-ego or self can rely upon them. It does not have to constantly compare. What is, appeals to it exactly for what it is, in every attribute, we know what we know, without fear, argument or doubt.

There came to my consciousness a great inward light; I seemed to have a knowledge of the past and the future, and to see the stream of my own existence in the past, as though I had been in existence for a thousand years. My soul at times seemed to be in vision. Those who come to spirit-birth reach that divine experience in the soul, that is, a new creation, a regeneration, a change of sensuous desires into spiritual desires, the soul is filled with most intense longings for perfect wisdom, for truth, that becomes an "overcoming" power.

Jesus, who through his personality gave evidence of spirit-birth and completely manifested the new creation, the divine ego, made no account of the flesh or physical expression, "It is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing." While the material expression has reached its goal in man, it is the order of the new-born divine ego, or spirit-organism, to grow, and every soul that has come into the new birth is by this intrinsic necessity quitting its whole system of things, its friends and home, and laws and faith, as the shellfish crawls out of its beautiful and strong case, because it no

longer admits of its growth, and slowly forms a new house. After spirit has come to birth, in proportion to the vigor of the individual these revolutions are frequent, until in some happier constitutions they are incessant and all worldly relations hang very loosely about him, and he lives, so to speak, in the spiritual world. He knows that, Thy kingdom is come on earth, let thy will be done in it as it is in heaven.

When the inner vision is clarified, a sort of transfer takes place; the divine ego seems to absorb the human ego, or its identity, and you lose the consciousness of duality, and in its place you have the consciousness of a spiritual self. You know that you can never be your old self again, any more than you can be a child again.

To some persons, no doubt, the evolution of the spiritual self is a gradual and painful process to sensuous experience; for, as the spiritual self is developed, the sensuous self is dying by inches. In my own case the process was conscious but painless.

The higher or divine ego is not a refinement of the lower, but rather a new birth; it is born into the spiritual kingdom or Christ plane, it has come into the resurrection. No other resurrection ever can transcend in wonder the present miracle of spiritual consciousness. To be able to measure by years and months the time since our spirit-birth or resurrection in which we knowingly have had a new spiritual consciousness and spiritual environment, and to be able to recognize in the divine ego or self the link between the finite and the infinite—this is the paradox of human existence.

The old nature or sensuous self cannot rise above the boundary of its own kingdom. Hence I apprehend that when death takes place, unless the transfer of the sensuous ego to the divine ego has taken place, we shall

lose our identity and that by law immutable, and even beneficent.

To the sensuous the mandate, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee," contains a fearful sentence, in that case the sensuous self or identity is separated from the soul and is "lost." The unorganized soul returns to the fund of unindividuated spirit.

God has individualized Himself in man's divine self. In this marvelous Ego we find Him enthroned—God's image in man—for it is only as human volition is consciously conformed to the divine laws written in the order of nature and the constitution of man that his spiritual growth can be carried on to its completion. Thus each Son of Man or spirit-organism is called upon to co-operate with God in his own creation.

The evolution of a self-conscious and lasting individuality, from a prior involution of Divine energy, would be inconceivable only in the reality of such an order of things as the Christ-principle theory or derivative origin of spirit exemplifies.

Man, as God thought him, as conceived in Divine Intelligence, was necessarily and inherently a perfect spiritual organism, a new creation, a higher order of being. But in making objective this subjective reality, we have the ages of *becoming* that mark the rise from animality to spirituality, from rational, to Christ plane.

As the spiral line of divine energy mounted through orders higher and still higher, the struggle for existence became more and more intense, and less and less the number fitted to survive, until unto the last and highest, man, a task so prodigious was given to accomplish, and a mark so high to be attained, that nothing but divine energy incarnate could perform the work, win the victory, and achieve the goal.

The supreme value of the story of Jesus—the type of the Christ—is that he makes concrete this human ideal. He crowns and consummates the growth of consciousness from its infancy in primitive man, to its goal in the spirit-birth or divine ego. He elucidates the mystery of being without beginning or end. His words and works go to make up a life that shows what a fully evolved human being is like. He stood alone, the promise of a spiritual race on this planet yet unborn.

Jesus personified a spirit-birth the attainment of which by a few in every age and people, has caused them to tower above the masses of mankind. These prophets, seers, and philosophers, have spoken words of precious truth and promise that have aided inestimably in the evolution of the race toward the Christ ideal.

The new spirit-birth, the new creation that culminated with the appearance of the typical man illustrates and foreshadows the experiences to be accepted and realized by all men as fast as born into the resurrection of which Jesus was the representative.

In men and nations this divine or Christ-principle lies entombed, but no earthly mould can hold it; as it rises higher and higher in the scale of spiritual being, come forth it must and will, with tangible expression.

As I apprehend it, spirit-birth is the gradual resurrection of the divine ego, the *standing up* of man in the full stature of his divine humanity, the rising of the human out of the animal, the triumph of reason over the lower propensity of spirit over the sensuous. Only spirit-birth and the consequent daily realization of this conquest of the lower self by the higher ego can fit us to grasp the subtle truth that lies hidden in the spiritual world here and now.

Dear Mr. Richeimer:

In the book "Behold the Christ", there is given the progressive warfare as it were between the lower self and the higher, and the higher self must conquer, be the time long or short. There is all Eternity to learn in and fight in. What a criminal monster the political, religious and wealth system is that obstructs the course of evolutionary progress, both for the individual and for the mass! It is self-evident that this social and economic system must be destroyed in order that there may be progress. In this Country where the people are not homogeneous the cunning politicians and religious leaders with the money powers back of them are busy keeping the People separated and divided into contending groups on account of religion, race, class, and political faiths. These ruling powers, this oligarchy know that the People are grumbling, angry and half awake and they go to ridiculous and desperate lengths to keep them confused, half-dreaming, half-awake for a little while longer,—oh, just a little longer, until they pin the masses down to real and out-and-out slavery! The working people are raging furious, but they will not stand by each other. They do not realize that in unity is their only hope. Now there are people who abhor liquor but will vote wet just because they think it will start the wheels of industry moving. Perhaps they will soon regret their shortsightedness. That is the game of the old parties and they are still partially successful for the original and independent thinkers, and the noble and the brave are still few and far between. The minority is most always right, as the minority take the trouble to think. And the minority must always suffer and be retarded because of the senselessness and stupidity of the morons, and the shrewd, the rich and the

calculating, who are like the poor, always with us. And because of these moron masses, driven like cattle by the crafty and rich and satanically wise, there must be these poor.

You mentioned that the Doctrine of the Atonement may save the preachers from going to work, but would not feed a hungry people. I should think the preachers would hate themselves, and I think some of them do. They play their hypocritical game, working on the side of the oppressors and begging money from already destitute people screaming and gesticulating and howling about nothing in their useless piles of brick and stone and wood,—called churches. And if the very Jesus they so solemnly groan about and screech about and sing about should arrive at their doors in modern guise they would be the first to cry, "Away with Him!" It is as if the reincarnations of the old priests, rabbis, lawyers, and rich rulers of old Jerusalem and old Rome were with us today. Not so crude, maybe, but equally cruel under the coverings of subtility. A popular Methodist minister not long ago said that the churches are "getting it in the neck." Why should they not deserve to get it "in the neck?" They have been the accomplices of the captains of Industry and party leaders and aristocrats so long in keeping the slave's collars around the necks of the masses that the time is rotten ripe for them to take their medicine. This preacher spoke of the President as the "gold-heaping devil at Washington, bleeding the People for money to send abroad, or use for his own purposes,—so he knows his Hoover!

Speaking of the Atonement Doctrine, I can't see any real authority for it in the Bible. The Bible cannot be an infallible book, anyway. Too many temptations on

the part of the early translators, or monks, to give their own color to the Bible words, so that they could keep the People in ignorance. And there is much difference of opinion as to the real meanings of the original languages in which the records of the Bible were written.

Jesus could not die for anyone, in the sense that it would take the place of anyone else's dying. It does not seem the part of the everlasting wisdom and Justice to make such a fanatic and pointless arrangement, as that one of the most perfect beings who ever appeared on Earth should shed his blood and die for a lot of miserable human animals who thought they were destroying him for good! Also, in the Bible, we have *"work out your own Salvation,"* and that does not agree with the Doctrine of the Atonement. This doctrine may have its purely spiritual sense and application, of course. It looks like it was going to be a long hard march to work out one's Salvation from death,—and birth,—which is only the beginning of the death process,—mortality. To those to whom reincarnation is repugnant it is heartening to know there is a short cut. My Mother appreciates your sending her your regards, and she says she hopes you will dig into the preachers. They need it.

With best wishes for Divine Life,

E. S..

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TAMPERING WITH THE LINCOLN MANUSCRIPT

HE GOVERNMENT of the People, by the People and for the People has passed away (under God). I discovered in my visit to the Congressional Public Library that Lincoln's immortal address at Gettysburg has been garbled and that what Lincoln originally wrote has been *changed* to suit the ecclesiastics who believe more in serving God than in serving their fellowmen. I will not quote the whole of Lincoln's Gettysburg address but just enough to substantiate what I say. In the closing portion of the address all our school-books, histories, books of poems and plaques and souvenir cards on sale at the Congressional Library itself quote Lincoln as follows: "that we here highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain, that the Nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Now on the mezzanine of the Congressional Public Library enclosed in a glass-covered case appears the first and second autograph drafts of the Gettysburg address, Nov. 19th, 1863, the gift of Mr. Clarence L. Hay, Mrs. Helen Hay Whitney and Mrs. Helen Hay Wadsworth, the children of John Hay, which proves that the words "under God" were inserted by meddlesome bodies *after* Mr. Lincoln had written the original. I should think that Mr. Lincoln should be quoted *verbatim* instead of making it appear that Lincoln was a church man (which he was not) and in sympathy with Church dogma and theology. Now let us give you the exact words of Mr. Lincoln as reproduced in the first and second autograph copies: "that we here highly

resolve these dead shall not have died in vain, that the nation shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Quite different from the autocratic intervention of a far-off God in the Heavens and the Spirit of the departed ones fighting for the Liberation of embodied souls from earth plane bondage. I take it this was no mere oversight of the parties who thus misquoted Mr. Lincoln, but an outright plagiarism to give an untruthful impression to what was vital in its original presentation but made quite impotent in the vocabulary of the theologians.

I trust that all publishing houses here in America will immediately make this correction in the name of honesty, decency and self-respecting Americanism and that in future all public addresses quoting Lincoln's Immortal Address at Gettysburg will leave God out of Mr. Lincoln's scheme and give Humanity a chance of freeing themselves of ecclesiastical slavery and theological bondage.

If my trip to Washington, D. C., will correct this unjust and unforgiving error in Mr. Lincoln's address, I think I shall be justly recompensed for my visit to the Nation's Capital, the Shrine of Liberty and the undying heritage of the American People.

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